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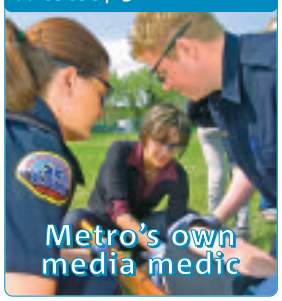

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No fee hike in CBE budget

Preliminary budget could see class sizes get even smaller

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

It's described as a "good news" budget with even better news for parents.

The Calgary Board of Education released its preliminary budget yesterday and students and parents will be happy to see there is no proposed fee increase.

In fact, according to Wayne Braun, CBE director of corporate services, there is actually a fee decrease from $240 to $215 per elementary student for lunchroom supervision.

> *« The only increase in fees are for students coming from outside the province to our schools, and we have had very few of those. »*
> *Wayne Braun, CBE director of corporate services*

"The only increase in fees are for students coming from outside the province to our schools, and we have had very few of those," Braun said.

An interesting forecast for next year shows a decrease of around 450 students, or 0.5 per cent, in the public system.

"We have the last of what we call a 'bulge' of about 600 high schools students graduating and about 300 kindergartens starting."

What that means for parents is with the $900-million funding from the provincial government adding 22 new teachers, class sizes will get even smaller.

Don Dart, CBE superintendent of finances, said with the balance of students coming and going and the extra funding, the Small Class Size Initiative could hit the 17 students per teacher target.

"It basically just means there are more teachers and smaller class sizes, which is a good thing," he said.

Mother of two Rebecca Johns said the fact fees won't be increasing is welcome news for her.

"We have two kids in school and a third who will be in a couple years, so it's nice not to have to worry about that, at least for right now," she said.

The preliminary budget went before the board of trustees last night but the final review will take place on June 7.

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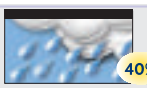

Fun 'for people 2 to 102'

22nd annual Calgary International Children's Festival at Olympic Plaza

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Calgary's children have overtaken Olympic Plaza for the 22nd annual Calgary International Children's Festival this week, filling their eyes and ears with the sights and sounds of multiculturalism.

The festival, which runs until May 24, features artists such as James Campbell — the only kids' stand-up comedian — musicians like Aesop Bop! similar in style to STOMP, and performances in several different languages.

"(We came) to see Snow White in German," said Margaret Holash, as she watched her young son Noah play with brightly coloured, connecting plastic straws.

"I love the performing arts," said Carolyn Luhning, festival marketing and publicity manager. "And I think that the children should have the best of what the world has to offer."

Luhning said that although the festival is marketed toward children, even parents get something out of it, and the shows are really "for people 2 to 102."

Performances and activities run throughout the five days and tickets are $10.77. For more information, visit *www.calgarychildfest.org*.

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Sand Northrup, from One Woman Circus, entertains children at the Calgary International Children's Festival yesterday, at times including them in her routine and keeping them laughing with her juggling antics.

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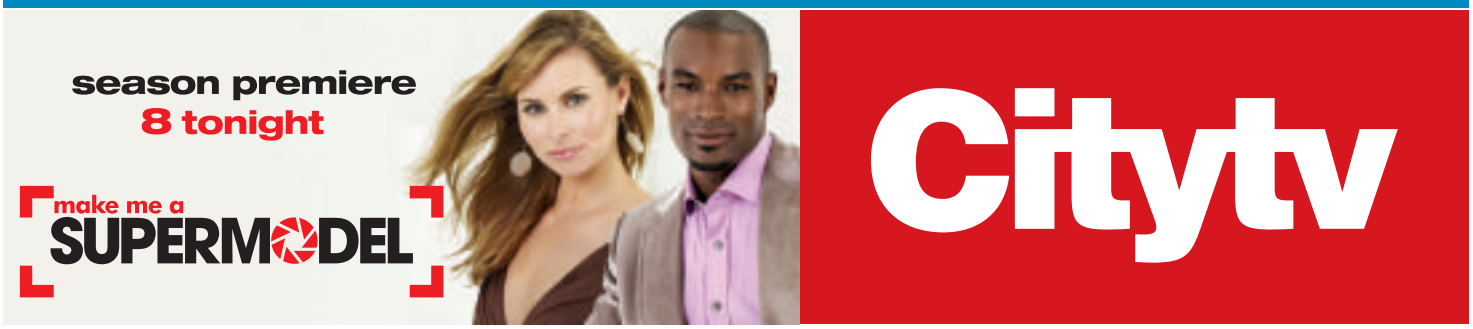

Okotoks council eyes in-car smoking ban

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Smoking drivers in Okotoks will have to leave their darts unlit in the presence of children if one town councillor has his way.

Following the lead of Nova Scotia and Ontario, Okotoks Coun. Stephen Clark put forth a bylaw that would fine drivers for smoking in vehicles with children present.

"The research shows that smoke concentrations in cars are higher than in bars, higher than in smoking houses, so when you smoke, you're children are smoking and that has to stop," said Clark.

Although in favour of the bylaw's principle, Coun. Beth Kish voted against it the first time and will again when it comes back to council June 9.

"For this thing to have any teeth, it has to be done at the provincial level," Kish said. "We're not an island and when people come to visit or drive through, they don't know our bylaws so it's a difficult thing to enforce."

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pressure

» Coun. Clark said he doesn't expect a lot of enforcement of the bylaw, instead he proposes tackling the issue through education and peer pressure, adding "just be a responsible parent."

»news In Brief

» **TRUCKS** There seem to be a lot of transports flogging along Calgary roadways that have no business being on the road at all. A Calgary Police Service check stop program found 38 per cent of the 479 vehicles they stopped needed major repairs before being allowed back on track, while 122 vehicles required minor repairs and 37 per cent of the trucks passed in all areas. Police also handed out 179 violations, including four for suspended drivers, four arrests for outstanding warrants and a 24-hour suspension for drugs.
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Media medic reports

Metro journalist learns the rigors of EMS firsthand

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

After taking the role as a paramedic for a morning, I came to the quick realization that I shouldn't quit my day job.

As part of EMS Awareness Week I was invited to be a media medic and although it was only for a morning I got a glimpse into the reality paramedics face every day.

« ...every situation is different and while you train for certain things you never know what is going to happen. »
Medic Chris Warren

I was given four years of training condensed into a 15-minute tutorial. Hopping into the ambulance with my medic partner Chris Warren, I realized 15 minutes was not nearly enough.

"When the call comes in, say 'unit 901 standing by,'" my partner told me.

"Unit 109 ... I mean 190 ... of, 901 whatever ... standing ..." I couldn't even get the words out of my mouth before we were roaring off to the call.

I was met by a woman in hysterics, screaming something about her boyfriend getting electrocuted — and this was before I could even get out of the ambulance. Not to mention the nosy reporter wanting the scoop on what was going down.

All in a day's work for Calgary EMS, Warren told me.

"We just wanted to let you guys see what kind of things and scenarios we deal with and train for. But every situation is different and while you train for certain things you never know what is going to happen."

After saving the fake dummy's life with CPR in the back of an ambulance, albeit breaking his teeth in the process, I learned the city's unsung heroes are saving lives everyday before they even get to the hospital.

For now, I'll just stick with reporting the news — not being in the middle of it.

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Metro's Krista Sylvester got a firsthand look at the rigors of working in the chaos that can be the life of a Calgary EMS paramedic, during the Media Medic aspect of EMS Awareness Week.

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A Frisbee water plan

Flying discs can be used to help conserve water

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Dogs love to chase it, hippies love to toss it and, now, everyone should use it as a water meter.

As Calgary lawns hit their emerald stride, a three-year-old city initiative is again urging residents to make better use of their Frisbees, and water resources, by using the one-inch deep flying discs to rein in their sprinkling habits during the Fill a Frisbee, Save a River water conservation campaign.

"That's about all a lawn needs every week to stay healthy," said City of Calgary Water Services public program coordinator, Kate Murray, adding if a person takes their Frisbee, turns it upside down under their sprinkler, the amount of time it takes to fill up should be all a lawn needs to maintain its green sheen.

Utilizing rain barrels might be the best way to reduce excess water usage, with a 1,000 square foot roof yielding 650 gallons of water in one downpour, said Karen Morrison, who has four former ketchup and mustard barrels on the go at her NE home she uses for her lawn, trees, gardens and indoor plants.

"It's really what they prefer to drink," said Morrison.

"Tap water comes out too cold, so it shocks the plants' root systems and it comes with all these added chemicals the plants aren't used to."

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Kate Murray from the city's Water Services shows Calgarians that just a Frisbee full of water is enough water to maintain a healthy lawn.

Artists get chance to show off work

U of C hosts three-day art show

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Local artists are painting their way to a brighter future, showcasing their often overlooked talents at a three-day art show held at the University of Calgary.

The artists are clients of Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS), all of whom are "extremely economically challenged," according to Margaret Carlson, special projects coordinator with CUPS.

If the eager artists are sober when they attend the Monday and Tuesday afternoon classes, they're provided with free supplies and a quiet place to work.

"The program has really influenced their self-esteem," Carlson said. The show is selling the artwork from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Thursday with all proceeds going to the artist.

ALICIA FOX/FOR METRO CALGARY

Sheralyn Paulhus is selling her artwork at the CUPS pilot project art show, held at the University of Calgary.

»news In Brief

» **APE** The Calgary Zoo has announced the newest fuzzy addition is a female. The baby gorilla was born last Thursday and continues to do well. The zoo is in the process of deciding how it will name the baby. The enclosure will remain closed for a few more days to allow baby and mother to rest.

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Bill C-51 has critics uneasy

Legislation would modernize Food and Drugs Act

Fines could soar

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Bill C-51 legislation — making its way through Parliament — will modernize the Food and Drugs Act for the first time in over 50 years.

"There is a lot of uncertainty around the bill and how it will impact access to natural health products. No one seems to be quite sure," Daniel Chiang, a nutritionist and Toronto clinic owner said.

The confusion has generated controversy. Earlier this month, hundreds of people turned up at rallies across the country to protest the bill.

The Food and Drugs Act regulates the production, transport and sale of food, drug, contraceptive devices and cosmetics, with a focus on ensuring products are safe, ingredients are disclosed and there are no false or exaggerated health claims on the product label.

Among proposed changes in Bill C-51 are greater penalties for rule-breakers, power to the health minister to recall drug products, and improved safety of all products.

But critics — who have been carefully monitoring the progress of the bill, which is awaiting second reading — fear changes to the act will restrict access to natural health products, delay their approval, and give the health minister unprecedented powers of enforcement. Critics fear the minister would be able to suspend or cancel clinical trials, disclose and demand confidential information, and impose "outrageous" fines for minor infractions — with no mention of an appeal process after such decisions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vancouver **Rubik's cube**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Competitive "speed cuber" Hong Chen works on a Rubik's Cube at his Burnaby, B.C., home yesterday. The first Pacific Northwestern competition will be held in Vancouver June 14. Chen took third place for blindfolded cubing at an international competition in Toronto last year. He solved it in three minutes.

survey

Canada slips in global peace index

NATIONS Iceland is the world's most peaceful nation while Canada slipped from eighth place to 11th, according to a study released yesterday. The "Global Peace Index," compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit ranked 140 countries according to how peaceful they were domestically and how they interacted with the outside world.

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correction

RU-486 drug not an 'abortion' pill

DRUG In the May 16th edition of Metro a story on page 8, Plan B drug approved, referred to the RU-486 morning-after pill as an "abortion" pill. It is not an abortion pill and will not terminate a pregnancy. Metro regrets the error.

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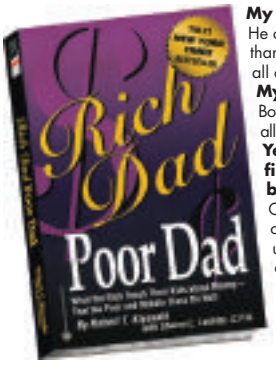

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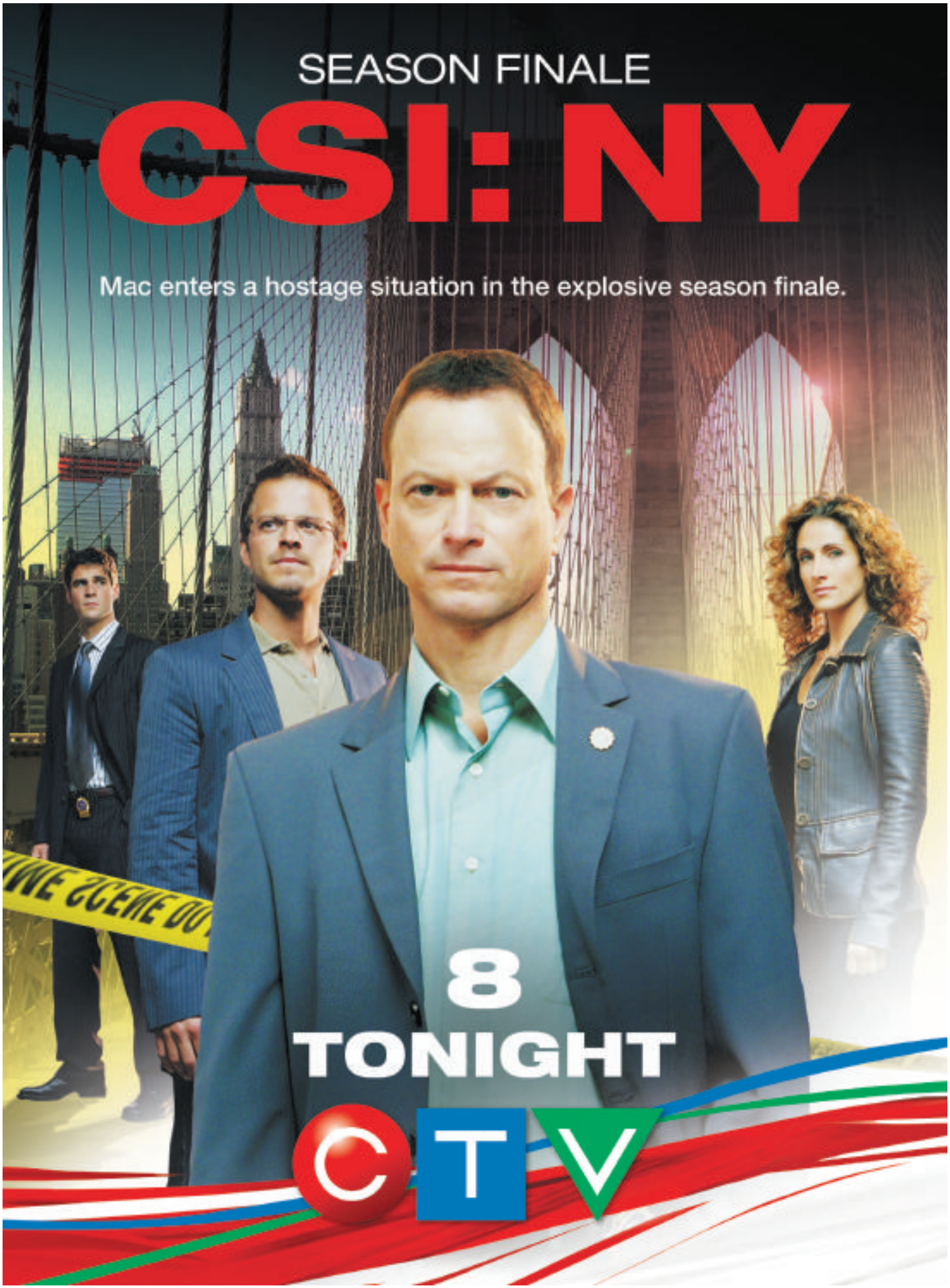
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Quake toll tops 40,000

Another 32,000 still missing after China disaster

China raised the number of dead or missing from a devastating earthquake to more than 70,000 yesterday, as rescuers found more survivors eight days after the huge tremor hit.

A government statement said the number killed had now topped 40,000, and state news agency Xinhua reported that a further 32,000 were missing.

Authorities had previously said they expected the final death toll to exceed 50,000. More than 247,000 were injured.

Anger was building among bereaved parents in Sichuan over the way many school buildings had collapsed, burying whole classrooms full of children. In one town, in a rare public protest, hundreds demanded punishment for anyone guilty of shoddy construction.

Xinhua reported a 60-year-old woman was rescued in Pengzhou, more than 196 hours after the May 12 quake struck. It said she had survived on rainwater.

In Wenchuan county, epicentre of the quake in mountainous Sichuan province, Ma Yuanjiang, 31, was found alive. His body was "as fragile as that of a newborn baby," Chongqing Xinqiao hospital president Wang Weidong said, according to Xinhua. REUTERS

landslide fears

» Nearly 9,000 people were evacuated from the base of Shiziliang Mountain near Guangyuan city over concerns about huge cracks on its slopes.

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Red Cross workers distribute relief supplies and provide assistance to cyclone-affected villagers in Bogale in the Irrawaddy Delta in this undated handout picture released yesterday.

Myanmar allows helicopter access

Food program granted permission to fly in supplies

Myanmar's junta has given the World Food Program permission to use helicopters to send aid to cyclone survivors, the United Nations said yesterday, as flags flew at half-staff across the country to mourn the dead.

The first day of a three-day mourning period passed in torrential rain and diplomatic prodding of the reclusive generals to allow more international aid after Cyclone Nargis hit in early May, leaving 134,000 people dead or missing.

The junta has allowed relief flights to deliver supplies to Yangon, the largest city, but had balked at aerial access to the Irrawaddy Delta, where an estimated 2.4 million people were left destitute.

"We have received government permission to operate nine WFP helicopters, which will allow us to reach areas that have so far been largely inaccessible," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon told reporters before departing for a visit to Myanmar. REUTERS

Nargis numbers

» The official numbers are 77,738 people dead and 55,917 missing, making Nargis one of the worst cyclones to hit Asia in decades.

Japan **Beauty bath**

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Kazuhiro Aoki, puts his face in an aquarium as Garra rufa, a fish used for skin treatment, nibbles his skin at the Beautyworld Japan trade fair in Tokyo yesterday. Over 600 exhibitors took part in Japan's largest beauty trade fair which ends today.

USA

Kennedy diagnosed with brain tumour

Kennedy

POLITICS A diagnosis of malignant glioma is grave news for Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, brain experts said yesterday.

A malignant glioma kills half its victims within a year and patients rarely survive more than three years. Even surgery cannot cure such a tumor, which sends cancerous cells throughout the brain. REUTERS

Troops to stay as long as needed: Afghan minister

The Afghan government will decide when foreign troops will leave the country, the foreign minister said yesterday, but added they would be needed until Afghan security forces could stand on their own feet.

"Whenever ... the Afghan security forces and its national army acquire the ability to defend this water and soil against international terrorism and foreign interventions, there will be no need for the presence of international military forces in Afghanistan," Foreign Minister Rangeen Dadfar Spanta told a news conference.

"And the government of Afghanistan itself will specify as to when and who needs to be (here) or go," Spanta replied when asked by a reporter whether the government had set any time frame for the withdrawal of foreign troops.

The Taliban are mostly active in southern and eastern areas along the border with Pakistan where the militants have bases in lawless tribal areas dominated by ethnic Pashtuns who form the bulk of the Taliban. REUTERS

foreign forces

» 60,000 foreign troops are currently deployed in Afghanistan, including roughly 2,500 Canadian soldiers.

»news In Brief

» **SURVEILLANCE** Britain is considering a massive government database to store the e-mails, Internet information, phone-calls and text messages of all residents to help security forces in the fight against crime and terrorism. At the moment, records of phone-calls and text messages are kept up to 12 months by telecom companies, in compliance with an EU anti-terrorism directive. REUTERS

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» **APOLOGY** U.S. President George W. Bush has apologized to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and promised prosecution of a U.S. soldier accused of using a copy of the Koran for target practice, Iraq said yesterday.

» **COURTS** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert lost his first court challenge yesterday against a bribery investigation that could force him from office. REUTERS

Another split vote

Obama wins in Oregon, Clinton claims Kentucky

Democrat Barack Obama won a presidential nominating contest in Oregon yesterday, NBC News projected, while rival Hillary Clinton cruised to a rout of the frontrunner in Kentucky.

The results gave Obama a majority of pledged delegates won in the lengthy state-by-state nominating fight with Clinton. He hopes that milestone marks the beginning of the end of their grueling Democratic race for the right to face Republican John McCain in November's election.

"We have returned to Iowa with a majority of delegates elected by the American people and you have put us within reach of the Democratic nomination for president of the United States," Obama told supporters in Iowa, site of his breakthrough win in the first Democratic contest on Jan. 3.

At a rally outside the Iowa state capitol in Des Moines, the Illinois senator turned his attention to a showdown with McCain and said their November battle would represent "more of the same versus change. It is the past versus the future."

But Clinton gave no sign of surrender, promising supporters in Kentucky that she would keep fighting until the Democratic voting ends on June 3.

"I'm going to keep making our case until we have a nominee — whoever she may be," said Clinton, who has shrugged off calls to drop out of the race for weeks. REUTERS

Belgium **Railway strike**

THIERRY ROGE/REUTERS

A passenger sleeps on a bench in the deserted Brussels' Midi/Zuid railway station during a 24-hour rail workers strike in Brussels yesterday.

World Bank

Food prices to stay high for years

WARNING The World Bank warned yesterday that it expects the cost of staple foods such as rice to stay high for years but said the world's food markets were intact and needed no intervention.

"This is not a few weeks, few months thing. It could be two or three years," World Bank Managing Director Juan Jose Daboub told reporters after a speech at a Singapore university.

He said global food markets were working and had not lost their ability "to fix themselves."

Zimbabwe

Danger of coup high: Think-tank

MEDIATION There is a growing danger of a coup by military hardliners in Zimbabwe to prevent opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai from toppling President Robert Mugabe, a leading think-tank said.

The International Crisis Group called for African mediation leading to a national unity government led by Tsvangirai as the best way to resolve a crisis caused by disputed elections on March 29. REUTERS

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Bombardier awarded $1.2B VistaJet order

35 planes OK'd with option for 25 more aircraft

Bombardier Inc., the world's third-largest civil aircraft maker, said yesterday it has won an order for business aircraft worth up to $1.2 billion US from Switzerland's VistaJet.

The order, which was announced at an air show in Geneva, is for 35 firm orders with options for an additional 25 aircraft, the Canadian aerospace company said.

If all options are exercised, the total value of the order will be about $1.2 billion, Bombardier said.

As well, Bombardier said it will sell its charter unit Bombardier Skyjet International to VistaJet. The company said it has signed a memorandum of understanding, but did not provide financial details of the deal. REUTERS

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» **ENERGY** Calgary-based Pearl Exploration and Production Ltd. and Petrobank Energy and Resources Ltd. discounted speculation that they were in talks to be bought out by India's Oil and Natural Gas Corp. The Economic Times reported ONGC Videsh is in talks to buy a Canadian firm with Alberta oilsands assets. REUTERS

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France Fishermen protest

PASCAL ROSSIGNOL/REUTERS

A fisherman throws a pallet into a fire yesterday at a roadblock near a fishing port in Boulogne sur mer, northern France. Hundreds of French fishermen blocked ports and oil depots in France in protest against diesel fuel costs and fishing quotas they claim were killing their business.

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Talisman details overhaul plan

Talisman Energy Inc. plans to sell operations in the Netherlands, Trinidad and Denmark in a restructuring to hone its assets and wring out higher, more predictable returns, Canada's No. 3 independent oil explorer said yesterday.

As part of the strategy, in the works since John Manzoni took over as chief executive last year, Talisman aims to sell non-core assets pumping up to 45,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day, for as much as $2 billion by the end of 2009. That would represent up to 11 per cent of the volume that the company produced in the first quarter of this year. REUTERS

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Five-time Canadian ice dance champions Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon, left, announced their retirement from competitive skating yesterday ahead of their upcoming wedding this summer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Oddsmakers pick Red Wings to soar

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They've won 16 consecutive games on their home ice, their top gunners — **Marion Hossa**, **Evgeni Malkin** and **Sidney Crosby** — have been on fire and their goaltender, **Marc-Andre Fleury**, has never been more efficient. And, yet, the Pittsburgh Penguins stand no chance in the Stanley Cup championship series.

This, at least, is the view of professional oddsmakers, who've established the Pens as sizeable underdogs against the Detroit Red Wings for the NHL final, which begins Saturday.

The Wings are $1.60 favourites, meaning wagerers who take them must lay that much to win a dollar. If the Pens prevail, bettors would collect $1.40 for every dollar they placed on them.

My hunch: The Wings take the series in seven. But the Pens, if they re-sign Hossa, win the next three Cups in a row.

» Doesn't the NHL's schedule really seem odd now, in retrospect, since the Wings and Pens never met even once during the regular season?

I mean, seriously, how far apart are Detroit and Pittsburgh? A one-hour flight?

» From the mighty-have-fallen department comes word from NBA sources that the Raptors are seeking to dump their previously highly touted forward, **Andrea Bargnani**, and have had significant trade discussions about him with the New Jersey Nets, who also covet the Denver Nuggets' **Carmelo Anthony** and **Marcus Camby** and the Phoenix Suns' **Leandro Barbosa** and **Boris Diaw** ... Brace yourself for this: **Tim Donaghy**, the ex-NBA referee who's been busted for shaving points and gambling on games, is about to testify that other officials, coaches and even players were aware of, and participated in, fixes ... Let's knock off all the dissing of the Los Angeles Lakers' **Kobe Bryant**, shall we? Kobe quietly went out the other day and bought each of his teammates $9,000 US Swiss watches. Nice gesture by the MVP.

» And, speaking of unfairly criticized MVPs, the New York Yankees went 6-11 while **Alex Rodriguez** was injured. . .The San Diego Padres are wretched and about to start dealing players, including future Hall of Famer **Greg Maddux**, who'll likely return to the Atlanta Braves' pitching staff ... The Seattle Mariners, also inept, are desperate and plucked a Blue Jays farmhand, 27-year-old **Tracy Thorpe**, off the waiver wire. Thorpe was 2-0 with four saves in 13 appearances for Triple A Syracuse ... And then there's ex-slugger **Jose Canseco**, whose latest steroids-in-baseball book isn't exactly a best-seller and who lost his home after missing mortgage payments. Sadly, he's about to become a so-called celebrity boxer — $5,000 per appearance.

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Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton has his headband pulled down over his eyes as he drives to the hoop on Celtics' James Posey, left, and P.J. Brown last night during Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference final in Boston.

Celtics continue home dominance

Garnett sets pace in Game 1 victory

CELTICS 88 PISTONS 79

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points and Paul Pierce added 22 as the Celtics beat the Detroit Pistons 88-79 last night in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston.

Having been pushed to seven games in each of the first two rounds, against Atlanta and Cleveland, respectively, the Celtics remained unbeaten on their home floor in the postseason after nine contests.

Rajon Rondo had 11 points for Boston, which is trying to advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1987.

Tayshaun Prince scored 16 points and Richard Hamilton had 15 for the Pistons, who are into the East finals for a sixth straight year.

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»sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Chicago Bulls won the lottery held last night and will get the first pick in next month's NBA Draft. The Bulls, who had only a 1.7 per cent chance of winning the right to pick first after posting a 33-49 regular season record, will select ahead of the Miami Heat, who had a 25 per cent shot at the top choice.

» **MLB** Mike Piazza, a 62nd-round draft choice who became one of baseball's best hitting catchers, formally announced his retirement yesterday. Piazza, 39, holds the major league record for home runs by a catcher with 396 of the 427 round-trippers he slugged during a 16-year career.

» **HOCKEY** The Gatineau Olympiques are headed home early from the Memorial Cup. The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League champs lost 3-1 to the Spokane Chiefs last night to fall to 0-3, eliminating them from playoff contention.

» **NFL** NFL owners voted unanimously yesterday to terminate their labour contract with the players union early. But the NFL said that despite its decision, games will be played without the threat of interruption for at least the next three seasons.

» **NFL** The Dallas Cowboys locked up key components of their offence and defence yesterday, with cornerback Terence Newman agreeing to a six-year contract extension and running back Marion Barber inking a seven-year deal.

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Boston at Detroit, 6:30
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Saturn's perky performer

Belgian-made Astra a neat little road-runner

By **MICHAEL BANOVSKY**
for Metro Calgary

Instead of fighting the imports with American innovation, Saturn is battling back with the Belgian-made Astra.

Much is made about the original philosophy behind GM's Saturn division, which was to lure import buyers from their Corollas and Civics and get them into Saturn's SLs and SCs.

Combined with plastic body panels and no-haggle pricing, General Motors thought they'd created a winner. But the fact always remained that Saturn's products lacked both an American identity and Japanese reliability. It was like going for sushi at McDonald's. Still, the brand ended up outliving Oldsmobile and ditching its oft-touted plastic body panels.

Now, instead of fighting the imports with American innovation, Saturn is battling back with a few imports of its own. The Belgian-made Astra never suffers from a lack of ride comfort or handling over its peers, and the only complaint you'll ever hear handling-wise is from stoplight racers with body piercings and noise violations. But come on. This is an economy car … and a damn fine-handling one at that.

Between corners, there's sufficient power to crush eggs after grocery shopping. Now, if you decide to read other reviews on the car, the tester will probably say power from the 1.8-litre Ecotec four-cylinder engine is merely adequate. Not so. It's just as much as you'll ever need, with a good torque spread and well-spaced gear ratios to chuff you along.

Top-notch build quality and high-grade plastics combine with clean-cut European style to make the interior one of the best in its class. You'll even notice that an impressive trip computer sits smack in the middle of the car's dash. In lesser models, the information and screen is toned down a notch, but in XR trim with the top-grade stereo, it gets as advanced as a graphic equalizer!

Saturn is billing the three-door Astra as the upscale model, with the five-door as the entry-level product at just $17,900 for an XE without air conditioning. The only three-door trim level is XR, for $21,225. Fully loaded, the three-door even comes with 18-inch wheels.

2008 Saturn Astra 5-door XE

- Type: Compact 5-pass. hatchback FWD
- Price: $17,900
- Engine: 1.8L L4 DOHC
- HP: 138 @ 6,300 rpm
- Torque: 125 @ 3,800 rpm

Highlights:

- Style
- Hidden practicality
- European build quality
- Standard safety features

Top-notch build quality combine with clean-cut European style to make Astra's interior one of the best in its class.

Those shopping for a small car should immediately take a look at the Astra. I've said before that it should make a big impact in Canada. It will. As it stands now, the Astra is a great car and hangs with the class leaders as the final chapter in Saturn's product renaissance.

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Counting on better curb appeal

No second chance for first impression

By **CANDICE WARD**
for Metro Calgary

You would never go on a first date wearing a pair of tattered sweatpants and a T-shirt covered in mustard stains, so why would you try and sell a home when it is not looking its best?

sprucing up

Here are some simple fixes to increase marketability of a home:

- Replace house numbers
- Replace mailboxes
- Repair the fence
- Weed flowerbeds
- Paint doors, trim, fences and deck

It is always about first impressions, whether it is interviewing for a new job, going on a date, or even selling a home.

"There is only one chance — that's right — one chance to make that all important first impression — and that first impression starts with curb appeal," says Cheryl-Anne Priest, the founder of Inviting Spaces, a Calgary-based home staging company.

Hiring a home stager is like hiring a fashion stylist, but for your house. They can take the mundane and turn it mesmerizing with just a few simple modifications.

A polished looking house with a well-landscaped yard is going to appeal to more buyers than one with cracked paint and a shaggy lawn.

"Today's buyers are not looking for work, they want move-in ready, lifestyle living," says Priest.

"For sellers who have the time and energy to put in sweat equity, it is amazing what can be accomplished in a weekend,"

Priest has also partnered with Chinook Learning, instructing an interactive course on home staging and how it can maximize the return on investment.

But, be careful not to go overboard on these types of repairs.

"Don't over-do and don't over-spend," says Becki Mravunac, co-owner of Ambiance Home Stagers.

Mravunac recommends sticking to a budget, figure out what is going to give the best return on your investment and stick to that.

The first impression a potential buyer has of a house is its curb appeal, says Cheryl-Anne Priest, founder of Inviting Spaces, a Calgary-based home staging company.

"If you don't take care of the outside appearance of your home (no matter how lovely it may be inside), you run the risk of buyers passing up on viewing your home if the outside turns them off," says Mravunac.

So slap on a fresh coat of paint to get that house "first date" ready and watch the offers roll in.

Tickling the buying bone

Luring buyers in cooling market

By **CANDICE WARD**
for Metro Calgary

With the slight cooling in the Calgary housing market, condo sellers have been coming up with creative tactics to lure new buyers into the market.

Short of lining homes with candy, sellers have found ways to sweeten the deal by offering lower down payment options and RRSP programs.

"Most first time buyers just want lower payments while they are young," says Judee Plourde of Point of View Panorama Pointe.

With the increase in mortgage terms, younger buyers are able to get into a condo without worrying about extremely high mortgage payments every month.

With the amortization period extended from a maximum of 25 years to 40 years, sellers are able to make a more seemingly affordable sale. Although this can be like serving a longer jail term, it can get some buyers into a home sooner than expected.

Despite the appeal of lower mortgage payments, longer mortgage terms may repel some buyers.

In this case, some sellers have been luring in potential buyers with a lower down payment percentage, instead of the traditional 10 per cent, many have been asking for just five per cent. Although there is never a shortage of people needing homes, the cooling of the market has caused some buyers to go into their purchase with apprehension.

Therefore, even the federal government is getting in on assisting buyers into a new home by offering first time homebuyers program. This program allows buyers to invest up to $20,000 in RRSP's and withdraw it penalty and tax-free to put towards a down payment.

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Travel back to the revolution

Old English town held reins to industry in 1800s

By **EMMA E FORREST**
Metro World News

If you have ever wondered what it would have been like to live in Britain during the Industrial Revolution, then visit Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire, England.

You can truly step back in time at Blists Hill. It's just one of nine museums in the Ironbridge area — including the Jackfield Tile Museum, Coalport China Museum, Museum of Iron and the Iron Bridge itself, the world's first cast iron bridge, built in 1779 over the River Severn — that showcase the best of the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution.

Located in the heart of England, the area is considered so historically important that it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Each building in the Victorian town dates from the 1800s and has been carefully transported to the village and reconstructed brick by brick to recreate a small industrial town toward the end of Queen Victoria's reign.

Guides in costume and in character breathe life into these immaculately recreated shops, workplaces and homes, offering an astounding insight into what life was like more than 100 years ago.

Turn your pounds into shillings in the Victorian Lloyds bank and leave contemporary England behind. Treat yourself to a bag of candy from the sweet shop, buy some freshly baked bread and see what's on offer in the grocers, chemist, candle makers and printers for all your turn of the century needs.

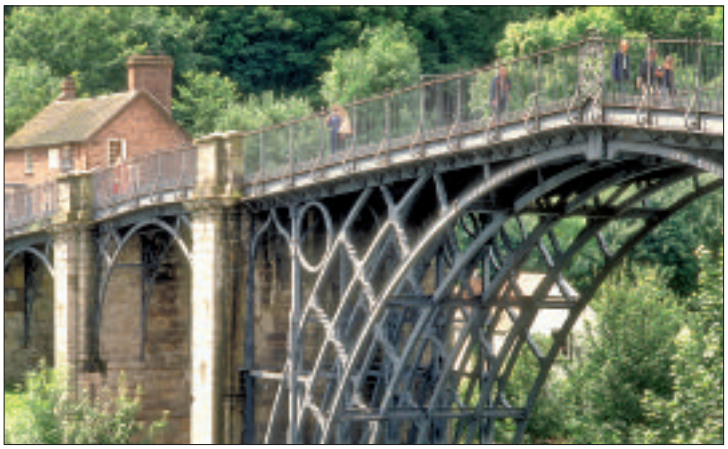
At lunchtime, you can send your children off to the school, where they will be taught a lesson, Victorian-style, with chalk and blackboard, by a strict and smartly-dressed head teacher. Meanwhile, you can nip off for a pint of traditional ale in the wood-panelled Victorian pub, where the locals gather round the piano for an old-fashioned singalong.

If you want you can even be Victorian and actively participate in the experience. Enrol in the blacksmithing course — the wrought iron works at Blists Hill is the only working iron foundry in Europe — and you'll be taught how to heat iron and steel until it is white hot before hammering it into shape on the anvil.

Using traditional blacksmithing skills you'll be taught how to make objects including a fire poker, leaf key ring and coat hook. It's serious work, though, with amateur blacksmiths feeling the heat and developing giant blisters on their hands as they hammer repeatedly at the iron rod to knock it into shape.

Despite the hard labour, it's a course people find creative, inspiring and rewarding. As most of us urban types don't actually get to make anything after school age — we just buy things then throw them away — most people find it satisfying to put time into producing something useful and durable in the blacksmithing course.

And with the world's current problems of environmental sustainability in mind, it's also one of the interesting things about visiting Blists Hill, and learning about how the Victorians lived.



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The Iron Bridge was first opened in 1781. Left, visitors walk across the bridge, and right, a view of the underside.

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Left, blacksmithing at Blists Hill. Right, the Iron Bridge spans the Severn Gorge at dusk.

need to know

» Blacksmithing Experience Days cost £100 (about $200 Cdn) per person including all materials, a pub lunch and refreshments. Visit *ironbridge.org.uk*.

» Where to stay: The White Hart, Ironbridge. A spacious pub with stylish contemporary décor. Visit *the whitehartironbridge.com*.

» Where to eat: The Drapers Hall, Shrewsbury. A staggering black and white building built in 1576 as a meeting place for the local guild of drapers merchants. See *shrewsburydrapers.org.uk*. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Insider's Amsterdam

By **INGE TE SCHURE**
Metro World News

MAARTEN BRANTE

At Amsterdam's markets, you'll likely find evidence of the country's liberal marijuana laws.

There's more to Amsterdam than canals, coffee shops, bicycles and the red light district. As well as its museums and the 17th-century houses along the canals, Amsterdam has a lot of surprising sites, undiscovered by the mainstream tourist.

Pay a visit to the smallest house in the world (located at Singel 7), the tiniest museum — the Miniature Museum for Modern Art (Singel 548), the "Magere brug" (skinny bridge, Amstel) or a Buddhist temple (Zeedijk 106-118) in the heart of the city.

where to stay

BUDGET: STAYOKAY AMSTERDAM ZEEBURG

A brand new hostel located east of the centre in a typical Amsterdam neighbourhood designed by Dutch architect Edward van Vliet. The hostel shares this 1900s former school with a café/restaurant, theatre and cinema. *www.stayokay.com*

MID-RANGE: NH CITY CENTRE HOTEL

A hotel at the heart of Amsterdam overlooking the famous Singel Canal, close to the flower market and the home of Anne Frank. Offers a shuttle bus to and from the airport 20 kilometres away. *www.nh-hotels.com*

DELUXE: GRAND HOTEL AMRATH AMSTERDAM

A new luxury hotel set in the newly-restored Shipping House, a monumental building built between 1912 and 1916 in the Amsterdam School style that retains many of its original features. In the centre of town, 500 metres from the central station. *amrathamsterdam.com*

what to see

ANNE FRANKHUIS

The house where Anne Frank wrote her famous diary as she and her Jewish family hid during World War II is now a well-known museum telling their story of their experience. Anne Frank's diary is among the original objects on display. *annefrank.org*

VAN GOGH MUSEUM

The museum contains the largest collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh in the world, giving the visitor the chance to track the artist's developments, or compare his paintings to works by other artists from the 19th century in the collection. *www.vangoghmuseum.nl*

RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Dating back to the 14th century when sailors arrived in need of some female company, the district just south of the central station is full of sex shops, brothels, gay bars, cinemas, hotels and different kinds of museums.

While this part of the city is a major tourist attraction, the mayor has been trying to clean it up of late. *http://amsterdam-red-light-district.info/*

where to eat

HAESJE CLAES

A traditional restaurant that occupies six epic buildings in the historical centre of Amsterdam, complete with original architectural features. They serve traditional Dutch dishes including stamppot: Mashed potatoes with a vegetable, served with sausage and bacon. *http://www.haesjeclaes.nl/*

PANAMA

Trendy Mediterranean restaurant and club in the old port centre, the area is sometimes called the Manhattan of Amsterdam.

Eat there, then enjoy live jazz on Thursday and Sunday and sets from big name house DJs on the weekend. Book ahead *www.panama.nl*

where to club

HOTEL ARENA

A cultural meeting point, Hotel Arena is actually a hotel, restaurant, bar and club in one. Built as an orphanage in 1890 this building became a youth hostel in 1982 and was given its other functions in 1990. Housed in the building's former chapel, the club offers two floors of music, a mix of international DJs, 80s theme nights, salsa lounge and club classic. *www.hotelarena.nl*

CINEAC

New club owned by famous Dutch DJ Tiësto located in a monumental building that used to be a cinema. A young trendy crowd dines at the restaurant, and it's a club every Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the latest house and electronic music. *www.cineac.nl*

take it from a local

Amsterdam resident Brian S is one of the Netherlands' hottest DJs, playing funky house and groovy garage at his residencies at clubs all over the country and gigs that take him as far as Russia and the U.S.

"The best thing about Amsterdam is everything is close by, so you can go bar-hopping, from one bar to another. I like to go to cafés on the squares Leidseplein, Rembrandtplein, and then go clubbing at Cineac or Sinners. There's real diversity in Amsterdam.

"Of course, all tourists should come to Cineac, where I perform every Thursday at a party called Rush 3000. If you're lucky, your visit will time with a big party with an international DJ. I love to do that myself, but usually I lack the time because I have to perform. My final tip: After a night of dancing, try a typical Dutch "kroket" (croquet), because the fast food store FEBO is open all night long!"

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If your love of travel is rivalled only by your passion for rocking out, plan a visit to one of the many open-air music festivals taking place around the globe this summer:

SEEME

SeeMe (South-East European Music Event), to be held June 5-7 in Bulgaria's capital city Sofia, brings together big names in the electronic and dance music scene. Like the Miami Winter Music Conference, this festival has industry events, an exhibition and three nights of parties in some of Sofia's top clubs; *www.seeme-sofia.com.*

BONNAROO

Named best festival by Rolling Stone Magazine, Bonnaroo is a four-day, multi-stage camping festival hosted on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. The party gets under way June 12, rain or shine, with dozens of acts such as Pearl Jam, Jack Johnson, Kanye West, Death Cab for Cutie, Tiesto, BB King and Broken Social Scene; *www.bonnaroo.com.*

SCHLAGERMOVE

Schlagermove festival in Hamburg, Germany, set for July 4-5, attracts some 300,000 participants every year. Young and old alike dress in crazy costumes, sing quirky German songs and drink copious amounts of booze. A daytime parade features floats decorated in hippie kitsch and everyone parties like it's 1979. Follow the crowd to a series of tents where patrons rock out to retro Schlager classics; *www.schlagermove.de.*

FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL

Set in the mountains of northern Japan, Fuji Rock Festival, held July 25-27, hosts both up-and-coming local bands and and high-profile headliners like Underworld and Paul Van Dyk; *www.smash-uk.com/frfo8.*

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

The UK's Glastonbury Festival claims to be the "largest greenfield music and performing arts festival in the world." From June 27-29, there'll be performances by Leonard Cohen, Jay-Z, Manu Chao, The Verve, John Mayer, Ben Folds, Massive Attack, Groove Armada, Mark Ronson and many more; *www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk.*

TUSKA OPEN AIR METAL FESTIVAL

If metal — heavy, death or both — is your thing, you'll love the Tuska Open Air Metal Festival. Taking place in Helsinki, Finland from June 27-29, the event will feature 32 bands on three stages; *www.tuska-festival.fi/index_eng.html.*

DISTANT HEAT

Distant Heat is an all-night rave in Jordan's Wadi Rum desert. Held July 31 to Aug. 1. It features the best of international electronic and dance music in one of the world's most magical and remote locations; *www.distantheat.com.*

READING FESTIVAL

Now in it's 20th year, the Reading Festival puts on a wicked lineup of ska, hardcore, punk and rock. From Aug. 22-24, performers will include The Killers, Rage Against The Machine, Tenacious D and Alexisonfire; *www.readingfestival.com.*

PUKKELPOP

Belgium's Pukkelpop, Aug. 14-16, draws crowds of over 100,000 as well as headliners like The Flaming Lips, Metallica and Miss Kitten & The Hacker; *pukkelpop.be/pp/en.*

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entertainment

Christian Bale is to play rebel leader John Connor in three sequels to the Terminator franchise, its producers have revealed.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

casting

Holmes to debut on Broadway

THEATRE Katie Holmes will make her Broadway debut this autumn in a revival of Arthur Miller's All My Sons, starring alongside Oscar winner Dianne Wiest and Tony winner John Lithgow, producers said this week.

The theatre and date have not yet been announced. The play is based on a true story about a businessman who knowingly sold the government defective airplane parts during World War II with tragic consequences.

weddings

Star Trek actor to wed his partner

PEOPLE Actor George Takei, best known for playing Mr. Sulu on Star Trek, says he plans to wed his longtime partner now that the California Supreme Court has overturned a state ban on gay marriage. Takei, 71, said he and Brad Altman, his 54-year-old business manager, are going through the "delicious process" of planning their nuptials.

foreign box office

Iron Man holds strong overseas

FILM Iron Man led the foreign box office for a third consecutive weekend, but Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull is poised to take the crown when the adventure sequel starts rolling out across the globe in the next few days. According to final data, Iron Man forged US $26.9 million, lifting its offshore gross to $207 million. The superhero saga remained the top choice in both the U.K. and France, with respective three-week totals of $25.5 million and $15.3 million. Other leading markets include South Korea with $22.9 million, Mexico with $18.2 million, and Australia with $14 million. REUTERS

It's all up to Idol viewers

Popularity of singer counts, not technicality

ON TV

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If this competition was actually based on the technicality of the performances of the contestants, David Archuleta would be crowned this year's champion.

But American Idol is a popularity contest. This year's winner will depend on who wowed the viewers more — Archuleta or David Cook.

With three songs each to sing last night, Round 1's songs were chosen by Clive Davis.

Cook sang U2's I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, and though he seemed very nervous at the start, once he started singing all that tension evaporated and he did shine like a star.

Archuleta sang Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me by Elton John, and stood his ground with another flawless number.

Round 2 had them sing one of two possibilities for the winner's song. Cook's rendition of Dream Big sounded like Harem Scarem or something like that from the '80s or '90s. As good as it was, it wasn't very memorable.

Archuleta sang In This Moment — again, another ballad to get all the pre-pubescent girl's hearts fluttering. There was nothing new, but it was a very strong performance.

The final round was competitor's choice. Singing The World I Know by Collective Soul was Cook, but he mumbled most of the song and lost his edge.

Archuleta re-sung Imagine by John Lennon. It's something we've seen before, but it was amazing.

It may have been the battle of the Davids but in the end it was Goliath — Ruben Studdard — who ended the show with Celebrate Me Home.

CTV PHOTO

American Idol's David Archuleta, left, and David Cook.

Idol creator looks at more shows

Could it be? The man behind the show seen in millions of TV homes each week is, himself, camera shy? American Idol creator Simon Fuller admits it's true. But from his position offstage, Fuller can revel in the success of Idol as it reaches the May 21 climax of its seventh season.

Idol continues to drive the Fox network to the top of the ratings. The show, for example, drew 27.8 million viewers the night of the Super Tuesday presidential primaries in February, according to Nielsen. The 2007 finale was seen by more than 33 million viewers, according to Nielsen Media Research, and a total of 74 million votes were cast.

Fuller's franchise has spread to more than 100 territories on six continents.

And with its winning formula of unknown talent, love-'em-or-hate-'em judges and viewers as voting A&R reps, the show continues to shatter traditional music industry dogma on discovering new artists. Fuller, while delighted with the success, is not one given to nostalgia.

"American Idol was purely invented to give me new leverage in the music industry, without my having to go cap in hand to the record companies," he says.

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American Idol creator Simon Fuller hopes to perpetuate his music TV with a new series 19 Entertainment will develop for NBC.

The partnership between Fuller's 19 Recordings and Sony BMG has yielded a string of platinum-plus albums by Idol winners and finalists, according to Nielsen SoundScan: Carrie Underwood's Some Hearts (6.4 million units), Kelly Clarkson's Breakaway (4 million), Daughtry's self-titled debut album (4 million), Clay Aiken's Measure Of A Man (2.8 million) and Fantasia's Free Yourself (1.8 million). Self-titled debuts by Taylor Hicks and 2007 winner Jordin Sparks have sold 700,000 and 655,000 units, respectively.

Fuller hopes to perpetuate his kind of music TV yet again with a new series that 19 Entertainment will develop for NBC. Now, Fuller is ready to expand his TV horizons, seeking new audiences across the gamut of broadcast and cable networks.

A show about Ruud Gullit's first year as coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team has been shot and sold to 32 international markets and is expected to air on Fox Sport or ESPN later this year. A pilot for the Fuller-created real-time medical drama Austin Golden Hour, which marries the drama of ER with the tick-tock of 24, was under consideration at the CW at press time. And a U.S. adaptation of the irreverent British series Little Britain is in production for HBO.

Of course, there's always the possibility of a one-off show for a cause Fuller cares deeply about. The celebrity-fueled charitable powerhouse Idol Gives Back, for one, has raised more than $160 million, according to 19 Entertainment. REUTERS

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Glam rock acts:

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2. Kiss
3. Alice Cooper
4. Twisted Sister
5. New York Dolls

— Metro News Services

Tattoo rock

Devotion written in ink for Coheed And Cambria fans

By **AMANDA B. HAUPT**
for Metro Calgary

Coheed And Cambria's website has a section called fan uploads with the subheading tattoos; posted are numerous photos of fans expressing their devotion to the progressive rock band in ink.

"I think it's really awesome," bassist Michael Todd tells Metro. "We are the definition of a cult band and that kind of proves it, and I love it."

Hailing from New York, the band's lineup also includes vocalist and guitarist Claudio Sanchez, guitarist Travis Stever and drummer Chris Pennie.

Known for their concept albums, Coheed's current release, Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Volume Two: No World For Tomorrow, is the band's fourth disc and part of a continuing storyline based on Sanchez's comic book project called the Amory Wars.

Todd summarizes the plot, explaining, "there are two characters, kind of antiheroes Coheed and Cambria, and their children, and basically what happens after their (Coheed and Cambria's) deaths and their one son's vendetta, ends the entire universe."

see it live ...

» Coheed And Cambria play MacEwan Conference And Event Centre May 24.

That's the extremely short version. When asked if the band worries about alienating potential new fans by overwhelming them with the complex story, the bassist does admit it comes with a certain level of baggage.

"We make a point that you don't really need the story to get into the music. I mean we're a rock band first and foremost. The story's there if people choose to explore that avenue, but it's definitely not necessary."

Todd says the band has at least one more disc planned to tie in to the comics.

"We have one more definitely and that will wrap up everything in this particular part of the story. And then we might move on to another part of the universe or we might make regular records."

With a list of Influences that include Queen, Pink Floyd, and Led Zeppelin, it's no wonder Coheed And Cambria's music is generally labelled as prog rock.

But lately the group has also been labelled with the emo tag, which is something Todd doesn't necessarily agree with,

"I think it's an all encompassing band we have here, in the broad sense it's just rock music. Progressive's I think the most accurate category," he says. "Emo I think is more of a time and place thing ... but I think we can fit in anywhere to a certain extent. Generally we're a rock band first and foremost."

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Coheed And Cambria are touring in support of latest album, Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Volume Two: No World for Tomorrow.

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John Cusack, right, is in negotiations to play a heroic survivor in Roland Emmerich's apocalyptic 2012. Cusack would play a dad who tries to save his family in the wake of a global cataclysm. Chiwetel Ejiofor is in talks to co-star. REUTERS

casting

Liotta to play bad cop in comedy

FINDING FUNNY SIDE Ray Liotta will get on Michael Cera's case in Youth in Revolt, a comedy based on the popular novels about a smart, sexually obsessed teen living in a world of moronic adults. Cera (Juno) plays the teen, Nick Twisp. Liotta will play a cop who is having an affair with Twisp's mom (Jean Smart). When that relationship goes sour, the cop gets his twisted revenge on the mom by going after Nick, who stands accused of arson.

Liotta

Miguel Arteta (The Good Girl) will direct the Dimension Films project from an adaptation of the novels by C.D. Payne.

in development

NBC crowns Kings pickup

PILOT IMPRESSES NBC has picked up a series described as a contemporary take on the David vs. Goliath tale. Kings, which stars Australian actor Christopher Egan and Deadwood villain Ian McShane, is set in a besieged metropolis.

It originally was ordered as a two-hour pilot, but NBC decided to proceed with a full series order after executives were impressed by footage from the pilot, which is currently in production.

remake

Smith gets U.S. version of 'Sticks'

BIG WILLIE STYLE France's biggest movie is getting the American treatment courtesy of Will Smith.

Warner Bros. has optioned the remake rights to Welcome to the Sticks (Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis) with Smith's Overbrook Entertainment attached to produce the soft-hearted comedy. The original has grossed more than $180 million in France since February. REUTERS

Picking apart the wreckage

IDIOT BOX

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED: The primetime postmortem is in full swing, with more than the usual amount of schadenfreude (that's German for feeling good when other people fail) from TV critics everywhere.

Tim Goodman of the San Francisco Chronicle looked back at the dying season and its casualties and came up with a bit of 20/20 hindsight on how the networks could have saved their more notable failures.

The biggest problem, in Goodman's opinion, was an identity crisis that overcame the networks this year, who seemed to have forgotten just what they were good at, and tried to compete with each other on unfamiliar turf. To wit, Fox's Back To You might have fared better on CBS — conventional wisdom at this point — and the CW's Aliens In America would have been a better fit on Fox.

ABC's Miss Guided might have stood a chance on either NBC or Fox, but Viva Laughlin, which bombed on CBS, probably wouldn't have survived anywhere, since there's no precedent for a musical succeeding on primetime at all — did no one learn from Cop Rock?

One of the season's failures that seems to have already been forgotten is Quarterlife, the sitcom that NBC took from the web to primetime and ditched when it failed to thrive. There was a flurry of defiantly positive press leading up to the show's primetime premiere, anticipating web-developed shows as the way of the future, creatively and financially, but since Quarterlife proved to have the half-life of a tuna melt on a dock, we haven't heard much in the same vein since. Which is why ABC's decision to pick up In The Motherhood for a mid-season debut is so surprising. I hadn't heard of it until Silicon Valley Insider ran a piece on the show's good fortune, but the sitcom has been pulling respectable numbers for its 7-minute online episodes — 16 million streaming downloads of the second season so far, compared to Quarterlife's measly few million.

Goodman, in his postmortem piece, says that ABC's Cavemen was probably doomed from the start, since "making a sitcom out of an insurance commercial just rubbed everyone the wrong way," so it remains to be seen how Motherhood, which was co-developed by Suave toiletries and Sprint, will win over audiences. The show, an acidly observational take on modern parenting starring Jenny McCarthy and Leah Remini, is definitely better-written than Quarterlife, if only for the offhanded observation that fanny packs emasculate men quicker than a mishap with a weed whacker. The Insider piece was optimistic about the shows' chances, pointing out that it has two name stars, will air on a network known for women's programming, and "is targeted at a demographic that still watches plenty of television: 30-something moms." It also costs a mere US $40,000 a minute to produce, "cheap by TV standards but astronomical for a Web series."

By this point, however, shows should probably be migrating from TV to web, not the other way around, but getting the networks to see this is like getting water to run uphill.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics' corner

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

"Dad!" "What?" "Dad!" "What?" In the installment where viewers learned Indiana was the family dog's name, Indy and his father (Harrison Ford, Sean Connery) search for the Holy Grail, carry on with attractive women and save the world from the armies of darkness. River Phoenix plays the young Indy in the action-crammed prologue, and Alison Doody co-stars in the 1989 blockbuster. 8 PM on CICT

CSI: NY

CSIs are supposed to turn up after the crime, not in the middle of it. But in the season finale, Mac (Gary Sinise) is in the thick of things when a bank manager is shot dead during a robbery. One of the thieves takes the bank's occupants hostage at gunpoint but insists he didn't kill the manager, and he wants a crime scene investigator to come in and prove it. Melina Kanakaredes and Carmine Giovinazzo also star in "Hostage." 8 PM on CFCN

Lost

Missed anything? Here's a doubleheader of episodes that aired earlier this month to get you ready for next week's season finale. In "Something Nice Back Home," Kate and Juliet (Evangeline Lilly, Elizabeth Mitchell) must set aside their differences to help an ailing Jack (Matthew Fox). In "Cabin Fever," Locke (Terry O'Quinn) learns the location of Jacob's cabin. Josh Holloway, Emilie de Ravin and Ken Leung also star. 9 PM on KXLY

Boston Legal

Concord, Mass., cradle of the American Revolution, wants to secede from the U.S.? If you find that shocking, you're not alone. Denny (William Shatner) is appalled — and even more so when he finds out Alan (James Spader) is representing the secessionists. He signs on with the other side, and the two friends face off in court — which puts a damper on their celebration of their acceptance into the Auxiliary Coast Guard in the season finale, "Patriot Acts." 11 PM on KXLY

celebritybuzz

What caused Shania breakup?

What caused the sudden breakup of Shania Twain and her husband, music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, after 14 years of marriage? His relationship with another woman, say several sources.

After the separation was announced in a statement, Lange called the split "an unfortunate thing," *People.com* reports. He added, "It's literally just a growing apart, that's all."

But sources close to the situation say a third party was involved: Marie-Anne Thiébaud, a longtime secretary and manager of the couple's chateau in Switzerland. "Mutt and Marie-Anne left their spouses for each other and are still in a relationship," says one source.

Lange denies the claims. "It's absolutely not the reason [for the separation]," the famously reclusive producer told People magazine when asked about the alleged affair.

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Kiefer is officially single

Kiefer Sutherland is officially single – he has finalized his divorce four years after filing for a legal separation from his wife Elizabeth, *imdb.com* reports. The couple split in 1999. The divorce was made official in Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday.

The 24 star initially filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences. His ex will now drop Sutherland from her name.

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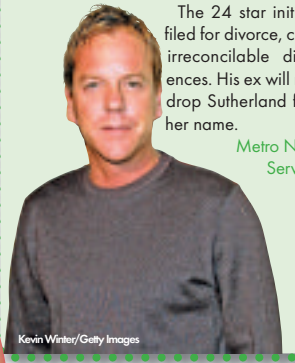

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Taking time off is risky: Paltrow

Gwyneth Paltrow says that taking time off to be mother to daughter Apple, now 4, and son Moses, 2, made her feel forgotten by Hollywood, *People.com* reports.

In Cannes to promote Two Lovers, in which she co-stars with Joaquin Phoenix, the Shakespeare in Love Oscar winner, 35, expanded upon a comment made by Jodie Foster, who noted that Hollywood has a short memory.

"I really did not know if there would be a place for me," said Paltrow. "Jodie Foster was right, especially if you are a woman and especially if you are not 25. Hollywood is pretty cutthroat, and everybody has a short memory. There is always someone who is younger or hotter or prettier."

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Lohan facing lawsuit

The fur fuss swirling around Lindsay Lohan has gone legal – the actress has been slapped with a lawsuit for taking a coat without permission, *Imdb.com* reports.

Masha Markova claims the star took her $12,000 mink coat as she left a New York club at the end of a night out in January. The New York student has filed papers in Manhattan's state Supreme Court.

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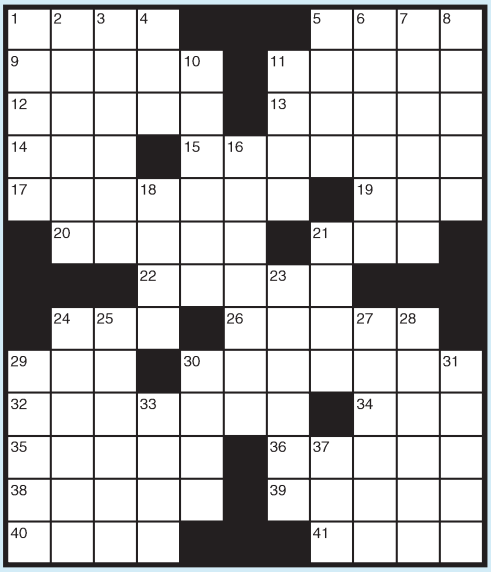

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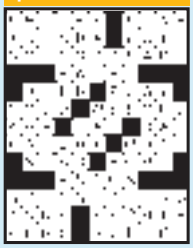

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A reliable friend causes anxiety. Contact is made with those who care. All will be well in the end, if you do your share of work.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Fragments of the truth will disturb you. A field trip is fine way to spend time. A bad deal gets smoothed out the easy way.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Someone is caught being rude and self-centered. Refuse to take on disputes with others. Don't take anything personally.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A tyrant insists on following protocol. Concentrate on going full-steam-ahead. Tell an amusing story to a decision maker.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You have the ability to see the future. The best thing will happen, if you keep your eyes open. A raving showdown is exciting to watch.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Pushiness sets the tone for the day. A static situation is at an end. A head-trip can be avoided by going off alone.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A silent co-worker knows what happiness is. Someone's quiet rebellion is disturbing. Your expectations of others are too high.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
An accident leads to a passionate debate. Financial needs arise with urgency. Rage results from making a resolution.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
A security concern is raised by a worker with money problems. A discovery leads to disbelief. Going away is an excellent option.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
An achiever must have a good time. You'll understand the meaning of loyalty. Let your heart and mind work together.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Good news will come your way. A woman comments on someone's dreams. Share your feelings with a trustworthy person.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
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2) MMDCCXLIX = ?
3) 600,606 = ?
4) MMMIII = ?
Yesterday's Answer

instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

May 21, 1851: Abolition of slavery in Colombia, South America.

May 21, 1881: The American Red Cross is established by Clara Barton.

May 21, 1917: Great Atlanta fire of 1917.

May 21, 1945: United States screen legend Humphrey Bogart marries actress Lauren Bacall.

May 21, 1972: Michelangelo's Pietà, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, is damaged by a vandal.

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Calgary weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
40%	60%	60%	70%	80%
Showers. 13°	Rain. Low 7°	Rain. 11°/ 5°	Rain. 10°/ 5°	Rain. 12°/ 7°

Temperature
Normals
High: 17.5°
Low: 3.6°

Records
High: 30.6°/1928
Low: -5°/1903

Sunrise: 5:36 a.m.
Sunset: 9:29 p.m.
Moonset: 5:56 a.m.
Moonrise: 11:55 p.m.

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